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During the latter part of October 1950, a purchasing agent for the Bureau of Civil Aviation (CAB) in Peiping approached some Chinese commercial agents in Hong Kong through Communist connections. The CAB representative indicated that his office was interested in acquiring the following:

- 600 tons non-extruding filler for concrete seams
- 10 air compressors, 60-80 HP
- 20 concrete mixers, types 1, 2, 3, and 4
- 300 pneumatic drills for rock, 3/4" x 1 1/4"
- 300 riveting hammers for oil tanks
- 6 stone crushers, 25 tons p r hour
- 6 moving machines
- 6 snow clearing machines

He stated that he had maximum prices which would be acceptable for these items but did not reveal what they were. Any deviation from the acceptable prices had to be reported to Peiping for approval before purchase. The items listed are to be used in the construction of four new airfields with runways 250 foot wide and 3 miles (sic) long (location unstated).

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